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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

GROAT *et al.*

Serial Number: To be Assigned, a Divisional  
of Application No. 09/172,847 filed  
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For: FINANCIAL STATUS DISPLAY SYSTEM

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Prior to an examination on the merits, please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

**IN THE TITLE**

Please delete the title "Object-Based Numeric Analysis Engine" and insert therefor the title: --Financial Status Display System--.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend the Specification, without prejudice or disclaimer, as indicated below:

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**--CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION**

The present application claims the priority of co-pending U.S. Patent Application No. 09/172,847, entitled "Object-Based Numeric-Analysis Engine" filed October 15, 1998. The entire disclosure and contents of the above-mentioned application is hereby incorporated by reference.--.